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December 3, 1999

Ms. Magalie Roman Salas
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: MM Docket No. 98-203, CS Docket No. 98-120, and PRM99ET
Ex Parte Notice

Dear Ms. Roman Salas:

The Association of America's Public Television Stations ("APTS") hereby notifies the Commission of the following ex parte meeting in the above-captioned proceedings on ancillary and supplementary use of digital spectrum, digital must carry, and 8VSB/COFDM standards. The meeting occurred on November 16, 1999, and was attended by Lonna Thompson and Marilyn Mohrman-Gillis, APTS. We met with the following persons:

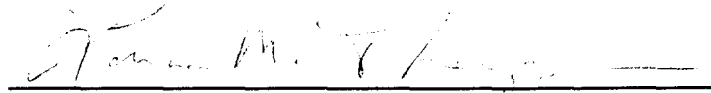
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Robert A. Ratcliffe, Deputy Chief (Operations), Mass Media Bureau
Susan Fox, Deputy, Chief (Policy), Mass Media Bureau
Mary Beth Murphy, Chief, Policy and Rules Division, Mass Media Bureau

We discussed the position of APTS set forth in its filing in the DTV must carry proceeding and the ancillary supplementary proceeding. With regard to the 8VSB/COFDM issue, we discussed public television's concerns regarding the performance of the 8VSB modulation in current receivers. We expressed a desire that the FCC take measures to encourage performance improvements in new generations of 8VSB receivers.

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Should any questions arise concerning this matter, please contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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Marilyn Mohrman-Gillis
Vice President, Policy and Legal Affairs
Lonna Thompson
Director, Legal Affairs
Association of America's Public Television Stations

cc: Roy J. Stewart
Robert A. Ratcliffe
Susan Fox
Mary Beth Murphy



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